• LITHUANIAN STARS TO START A PROGRAMME FOR MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE

VILNIUS, August 31, ELTA - A large performance will be held on the Cathedral Square in Vilnius at 7 p.m. on Friday to celebrate the beginning of a school year and start a new programme designed to advance musical knowlegde in Lithuania. The concert will be opened by an introductory piece of symphony which has been created by composer Giedrius Kuprevicius specially for the event. It will be performed by the National Symphonic Orchestra and star opera singers under the direction of Gintaras Rimkevicius. Under the programme, September will be devoted to the celebration of the 120th anniversary of world-famous composer Mikalojus Konstantinas Ciurlionis. In the period from October to April, Lithuanian performers are expected to give open musical classes and musical performances at every secondary school in this country. As part of the programme, Lithuania's best musicologists, teachers, performers and composers will televize musical lessons on the national TV.

• LITHUANIAN TROOPS BACK FROM U.S.-BASED EXERCISE

VILNIUS, August 28, ELTA - A U.S. force aircraft is expected to land at Vilnius aeroport at 6 p.m. on Monday with a group of Lithuanian troops aboard. A US Air Force transport plane landed in Vilnius on Monday, bringing five Lithuanian officers and 25 students of the Military Academy home from participation in the recent NATO and Partnership for Peace Exercise Cooperative Nugget 95 held in the U.S. State of Louisiana. Lithuanian military leadership greeted the contingent.